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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM DAVID BRUCE

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1. STRONGLY ENDORSE CARLUCCI RECOMMENDATION IN PAR 4
AND 5 OF REFTEL ABOUT USG'S COMMENTS ON PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS,
AS WELL AS SUGGESTION WE URGE OUR ALLIES TO FOLLOW SIMILAR
COURSE.

2. CARLUCCI WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND, LIKE MANY OTHERS WHO TALKED
TO HIM, I WAS MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY HIS ANALYSIS OF THE
SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, AND HIS COUNSEL OF THE ADVISABILITY
OF THE USG TO PLAY ITS GAME COOLY THERE. I BELIEVE HE IS AN
EXCELLENT OBSERVER AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP FURTHER
HIS ALREADY PRODUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH LEADING PORTUGUESE POLITICAL
FIGURES.

3. I ALSO HOPE THAT LATER OUR EMBASSY IN LISBON WILL BE ABLE
TO EXPAND ITS REPORTING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.BRUCE

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